

Remarks

Claims 3-17 and 21-24 are pending. Claims 1-2 and 18-20 are canceled and new Claims 21-24 are added in this Response.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 11-17 have been allowed.

Claims 3-10 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 3 has been rewritten as an independent claim incorporating all of the limitations of Claim 1, the base claim. Claims 4-10 depend from Claim 3 or an intervening claim. Accordingly, Claims 3-10 are in condition for allowance.

New Claims 21-24

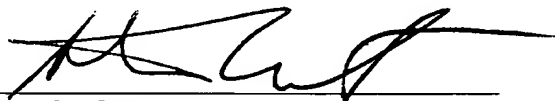
New Claims 21 and 22 recite printing a test page without using the printer formatter and determining a rate of consumption of a marking agent based on the amount of marking agent consumed printing the test page. So far as Applicant, there is nothing in the art of record that teaches or suggests this method. Claims 23 and 24 are computer product counterparts to Claims 21 and 22.

Objection To The Drawings

A new set of formal drawings, with replacement sheets for Figs. 2 and 3 correcting errors noted by the Examiner, accompanies this Response.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding office action.

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